

At Halirud-hous the 22. day of November, The x^eir of God, 1596.

THE ARTICLES SET DOWNE BE HIS MAIESTIE TO BE FIRST EFFECTV-
ally performit be the Erie of *Huntlie*, afore he ressaue any licence to retorne or remane in *Scotland*, or any vther be-
nechte of his Majesties Lawes, conforme to the ordour tane at the Conventioun of *Falkland* vpon the 12. day of
August last, and thairefter ratifeit be ane vther Convention of the Estais. At *Dunfermling* the penult day of
September last bypast.



IN PRIMIS, *James* as at the said Conventioun, It was foundin, that it could na waies stand
with the surtie of trewe Religion, nor yet with his honours honours and surtie of his crowne and estate:
That the said sumtime Erie, and others of his facitie, shold be alwayes sufferit to remane in the count
quharin they are presently. Bot that either his Majesties clemencie shold be extendit towards thame,
or etherwaies that the better exterminatioun of thame, their race and posteritie shold be sought. And in
respect that said better distruction caried ane greit difficultie, and could not possible be persequit but
a cruel weie: And als was na waies thocht expedient, or desirit be any man of quhatsumever estate, *James* long as
their was any hope that they could retorne to the trewe Religion. Thairfor, it was concluded and resolved, that his
Majesties with advice of the Lordis of his Majesties secret counsell, shold set downe and put in forme sic conditions as
they shold think maist meet, for the surtie of the said trewe Religion, his Majesties person, honour, Crowne, Estate and
Commonwele of this Cuntrey. Quhair conditions being resolute and intracit be the said sumtime Erie, and all
possible securitie presently foundin for performance thairof: That his Majesties thairfor shold grant his graces licence
to the said sumtime Erie, to retorne and remane with in any part of this Realme, his Majesties sal think maist con-
venient: Quhairthow the harts and minds of his Majesties Nobilitie presently distractit, may be with tyme broucht
to Gods glory, his Majesties obedience, and commonwele and quietnes of his Estate and Cuntrey. And be resolute, be
the langer delay in setting downe of the saidis Articles, his Majesties guide intencion to the advancement of the
trewe Religion might be misconstruit, or be Calumnies publicly or privately traduceit, to the alienation of the harts
of his Majesties trewe subjectis. Thairfor his Majesties with advice foresaid, has set downe and put in forme the
saidis Articles and conditions, in maner following,

FIRST, That the said sumtime Erie shal presently finde sufficient and responsall caution of *Islands* men,
landis Barons and gentlemen, to the number of *Mykene* at the least, to be actit in the busshis of secret counsell under
the pane of fourtie thousand poundis: The tyme of the saidis cautionis conclusit and generally for ilk sic thousand
poundis of the said hail summe, That the said sumtime Erie, shal faithfully observe keep and fulfill, the said articles
undermentione and every one of thame: To wit, that he sal betwixt and the first day of April next to cum, either sa-
tisfie the Kirk for his bypast apostacie, and retorne to the bosome thairof in bondfithie of Religion, or befor the
expiring of the said tyme shal depart againe out of this Cuntrey, and remane out thairof, And na waies to retorne
thairto, without his Majesties speciall licence had and obtainit to that effect.

NIXT, That during the said space, he sal banish out of his camp any all *Jesuits*, *Wells* priests and excommu-
nicate *Papists*, and haue na dealing, communication, nor intelligence with thame or any of thame: Speciallly, with
his father brother, *Malise James Gordoun*, nor suffer his bairnis, incas any be boine to him in the meane tyme, to
be etherwaies baptit, nor publicly with ane minister.

THIRDLIE, That in the meane tyme of his said remaining within the Cuntrey, and als incas of his depair-
ting at the tyme foresaid: That during the hail tyme of his absence out of the Cuntrey, he shal not traffique with o-
ny strangers or others, for alteration of the trewe Religion, or disquieting of the present estate of this Cuntrey in
ony sort.

FOVRTLIE, That his former Cautionaris shal stand obliit, incas either lauchfull tryall it be foundin: That he
sen has last depairting out of this Cuntrey, has ony waies traffiqued with strangers or others for subversion of the
Religion or alteration of the Estate.

FIFTLIE, That he sal presently enter his persone in wardie within sic part or place as his Majesties sal appoint.

SAXTLIE, That he sal within threene dayes next after the date hereof, enter his eldest Sonne and apperand
Sir, as pledge and hostage to his Majesties, for the said Erlis observing of all and aney the Articles before and af-
ter mentione. And that his said Sonne shal remane as pledge foresaid in sic company, wardie, as Castell as his Ma-
jestic sal appoint, quhair he may be maist commodiously instructit and brought up in the trewe Religion: And na-
waies eschape thairfra be his said father knowledge, assistance or ratification.

LAST, That the said sumtime Erie shal compeir personally befor his Majesties and Lordis of secret Counsell,
quhensoever he shal be lauchfully chargit upon threene dayes warning for tryall of his contravention of any of the
Articles before mentione. Whairby, that the cause quhairfor he shal be then chargit, shal be expressly contentit in
the Letters with ane warrant: That he shal not be challenged at that tyme for any other fact done be him, befor
his last passing out of *Scotland*.